

HOUSE BILL NO. 346

INTRODUCED BY R. STOKER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING RESIDENTS OVER 62 YEARS OF AGE TO USE A CLASS A-5 ELK TAG TO TAKE AN ANTLERLESS ELK IN HUNTING DISTRICTS WHERE A SPECIAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-801, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 87-2-801, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-801. Residents over sixty-two years of age -- resident or nonresident legion of valor members -- purple heart awardees. (1) A resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who is 62 years of age or older is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department. The form of the license must be prescribed by the department.

(2) A resident who is 62 years of age or older;

(a) is also entitled to purchase a Class A-3 deer A tag for \$10 and a Class A-5 elk tag for \$12; and

(b) may use a Class A-5 elk tag to take an antlerless elk in any hunting district where a special permit is required without having obtained that special permit.

(3) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, or a nonresident who is a legion of valor member is entitled to fish with a conservation license issued by the department.

(4) Regardless of age, a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department.

(5) Regardless of age, a nonresident who has been awarded a purple heart for service in the armed forces of the United States is entitled to fish and hunt game birds, not including wild turkeys, with a conservation license issued by the department during expeditions arranged for the nonresident by a nonprofit organization that uses fishing and hunting as part of the rehabilitation of disabled veterans.

(6) The department's general license account must be reimbursed by a quarterly transfer of funds from the general fund to the general license account for license costs associated with the fishing and game bird

1 hunting privileges granted pursuant to subsections (4) and (5) during the preceding calendar quarter.
2 Reimbursement costs must be designated as license revenue."

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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